



DEPARTMENT OF
**GAME & INLAND
FISHERIES**
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Division: Aquatics

Position: Urban Fisheries & Outdoor Recreation Intern

Work Location: DGIF Headquarters (Henrico, VA)

Time Period: Summer 2020 (May-August)

NOTE: Priority will be given to applications received by the end of February 2020.

DGIF MISSION STATEMENT

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' mission is to:

- **Conserve** and manage wildlife populations and habitat for the benefit of present and future generations.
- **Connect** people to Virginia's outdoors through boating, education, fishing, hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing, and other wildlife-related activities.
- **Protect** people and property by promoting safe outdoor experiences and managing human-wildlife conflicts.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Urban Fisheries and Outdoor Recreation Internship- The primary responsibility of this intern will be to survey anglers at fishing sites in the Richmond area. Results of the surveys will improve our understanding of urban angler motivations and preferences for fish species, harvesting fish, travel distance, and other site characteristics. The survey will also ask respondents about their interests in other outdoor recreation preferences. As part of this project, the intern will also evaluate site use by recreational activity- walking, jogging, biking, wildlife viewing, etc. The intern will be expected to maintain detailed records, analyze collected data, and write a report summarizing project results. The intern will be expected to collect data for extended amounts of time outside during the summer. Based on the intern's interests, secondary responsibilities may include, but are not limited to, data collection or analysis on projects including: surveys of citizen scientists and naturalists, evaluations of DGIF fishery outreach events, media analysis of conservation and natural resource management issues, analysis of hunter and angler license sales. The intern will report to the DGIF Human Dimensions Specialist (Social Scientist). ***The selected intern will be required to drive an agency vehicle and must pass a criminal and a DMV background prior to being accepted.***

Preferred Education: Students in the following, or related programs: Fish and Wildlife, Parks and Recreation, Environmental Sciences, Conservation Science, Natural Resource Management, Community Outreach, Communications, Sociology

Preferred Experience: Interactions with the public, data analysis with statistical software (Microsoft Excel, R, SPSS, SAS, etc.), writing papers, reports, or other technical documents

Other Requirements: State of Virginia Driver's License. Ability to navigate urban parks and outdoor areas during the summer, for several hours at a time.